

Running to WIN! ...1Corinthians 9:23-27

"I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it. Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but [only] one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.." ...1Corinthians 9:23-24 (NASB)

1. Why "TRAINING CAMP"?

Scripture... 1Corinthians 9:23

● Who are YOU...Spectator or Partaker?

- Crowd...
- Team Member on the Sidelines...
- Player on the Field...

2. You will **BE**...who you Train to **BE**!

Scripture... 1Corinthians 9:24-25

- "The mark of a man of God is God upon the man." ~ Paul Washer
- "Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right." ~ Abraham Lincoln

3. Running to WIN...**Finishing Well!**

Scripture... 1Corinthians 9:26-27

- Mindset, Motivation, Methodology
- Never Stop...Never Quit...Never Give-up (It's why we do the rocks!)
- Opposition is part of life (remember the Plunge)...it doesn't mean it's over...because it's Not!
- Failure is an Event...Not Who You Are! Get Back Up...Now!
- Keep Focused on the ONE! ...Hebrews 12:1-3

Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...*be descriptive!*
2. In what ways or areas of your life do you believe God is stirring your heart, speaking into your life, or giving you strong conviction to change or grow in, as you begin this New Year? ...*Explain*
3. What matters most to you? What is most important in your life...at both a personal and relational level, and regarding who you are as a man ...*Explain*
 - How is that currently reflected in your life and how you live?
 - In what ways, if any, do your choices, actions, and treatment of others contradict that? ...*Explain*
4. READ **Proverbs 3:3-4** together... How does that practically look in your own life?
5. READ **Proverbs 3:5-7** together... How does that practically look in your own life?
6. READ the following from **1Timothy 4:7-8** together...

*"Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."
...1Timothy 4:7-8*

- What do you learn from these verses?
- How does this scripture apply in your life?
- How can you practically put this into *action* in your own daily life?

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)